

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made to correct unnecessary multiple dependencies in the claims.

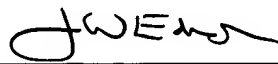
The Notification of Missing Requirements required an additional claims fee of \$100 for two additional claims over 20. Since the claims have been amended to correct the multiply-dependent claims, this application now contains 18 claims. Therefore, the additional claims fee of \$100 is not required.

If there are any additional fees due or any discrepancies found in the calculation of the claims fee by Applicants in this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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